

A Bill to be entitled an Act to provide for the expenses of Florida in the settlement of boundary with the State of Georgia; and  
Senate Bill to be entitled an Act to create a fifth Judicial Circuit in this State, with the enclosed amendments.

Very respectfully,

HUGH A. CORLEY,  
*Clerk House Representatives.*

Which was read and the Bills placed among the orders of the day.  
House Bill to be entitled an Act providing the mode and manner of carrying up appeals from the Courts of Justices' of the Peace, and for other purposes;

Was read the first time, the rule waived, read the second time by its title, and on motion, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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House Bill to be entitled an Act to alter and change the laws now of force in this State in reference to the limitation of actions;

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The following Bills and Resolutions, which had passed the Senate, were transmitted to the House of Representatives, viz:

A Bill to be entitled an Act to incorporate a Bank in the City of Tallahassee;

A Bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of Cherry, a free woman of color;

House Bill to be entitled an Act to prevent non-residents of this State from hunting or killing any deer or other game within the limits of this State, and for other purpose;

House Bill to be entitled an Act for the preservation of Bridges;

House Bill to be entitled an Act incorporating the Florida and Macon Railway Company;

Resolution in relation to payment of accounts of Henry J. Stewart and W. J. J. Duncan; and

House Resolution to pay Agents for selecting Swamp Lands.

On motion, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

THURSDAY, January 11, 1855.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The Rev. Mr. Turner officiated as Chaplain.

A quorum being present;

On motion of Mr. Filor, the reading of yesterday's Journal was dispensed with.

Mr. Hopkins offered the following preamble and resolution:

WHEREAS, Much inconvenience is experienced by the Citizens of the Counties of Duval, Putnam and Alachua, in the State of Florida, residing on, and in the vicinity of the Bellamy Road, leading from the St. John's River, to Newnansville in the County of Alachua, for want of mail facilities: *And Whereas*, the rapidly growing and increasing population of those Counties between said points, call for the establishment of a Mail Route and Post Offices along said line: *And Whereas*, The speedy transmission of intelligence and communication is of the first importance to this, as well as other portions of the country; Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida in General Assembly convened*, That our Senators and Representative in Congress be, and hereby are requested to procure if possible, the establishment of a Mail Route between said points, and the establishment of Post Offices at Danielsville in the County of Putnam, and at the Sand Hills in the County of Alachua, and the transmission of semi-weekly Mails over said route, going and returning in two horse post coaches.

*Be it further resolved*, That a copy of this preamble and resolution, duly certified, be transmitted by his Excellency the Governor to our Senators and Representative in Congress.

Which was read the first time,

On motion, the rule was waived, read the second and third times by its title and adopted.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

The following Message was received from his Excellency the Governor:

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,  
Tallahassee, January 10, 1855. }

Hon. H. V. SNELL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR:—I respectfully submit the following nominations for the advice and consent of the General Assembly:

For Adjutant and Inspector General, Caraway Smith;

For Pay Master General, Edward Houstoun.

JAMES E. BROOME.

Which was read, and the nominations therein contained were advised and consented to.

Also the following:

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, January 10, 1855. }

Hon. H. V. SNELL,

*President of the Senate :*

SIR:—I have approved and signed the following Bills and Resolution:

An Act relating to electing County Commissioners in Gadsden County;

An Act to empower the County Commissioners of Wakulla County to levy a tax for the purpose of building a Court House;

An Act explanatory of the several acts in relation to the migration of negroes and free persons of color into Key West;

An Act to prevent fraudulent voting;

An Act to change the time of holding Circuit Court in Calhoun County;

An Act to improve the navigation of the Harbor and Bay of Apalachicola;

Resolution in relation to the improvement of St. John's Bar, &c.;

An Act governing Judges of Probate in certain cases.

Respectfully,

JAMES E. BROOME.

Which was read.

Mr. Long, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, made the following report:

The Committee on Enrolled Bills have examined and report as correctly enrolled the following:

An act to authorize Celestino Gonzalez to establish a Wharf in the City of Pensacola;

An act to change the mode of compensating the several Solicitors or Prosecuting Attornies of this State;

An act to extend the limitations of Merchants' Accounts in this State;

An act for the relief of James M. Landrum, Solicitor of the Western Circuit of the State of Florida;

An act to authorize Gregory Yneistra and F. B. Bobe to establish a Wharf in the City of Pensacola;

An act granting aid to the County of Putnam to build a Court House and Jail;

An act to create a State Librarian.

Respectfully submitted,

M. A. LONG,

Chairman Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Which was read.

Mr. Filor from the Committee on Engrossed Bills made the following Report:

The Committee on Engrossed Bills have examined and find correctly engrossed:

A bill to be entitled An act to amend an act relative to taking Depositions under Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES FILOR,

Chairman.

Which was read, and the Bill placed among the Orders of the Day.

Mr. Long, from the Judiciary Committee, made the following report:

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred "A Bill to be entitled an Act providing the mode and manner of carrying up appeals from Courts of Justices of the Peace, and for other purposes," having considered the same, instruct the undersigned to report as follows:

The first section of the bill has two objects: one of which is to reduce the amount in controversy, over which the Supreme Court may exercise appellate jurisdiction, to fifty dollars and under, the present law. The Act of 1845 provides at present, "that the Supreme Court of this State, shall have and exercise appellate jurisdiction in all cases brought by appeal or writ of error from the several Circuit Courts, where the matter in controversy exceeds in amount or value fifty dollars."

The Committee favor the extension of this appellate jurisdiction to amounts of fifty dollars and under, for which purpose they have instructed the undersigned to prepare the annexed bill, the passage of which they recommend in lieu of the bill referred to them.

The other object of the first section is to allow appeals directly to the Supreme Court from "all Courts of this State," including Justices' Courts; and all the other sections of the bill are intended to regulate such appeals.

The Committee are clearly of opinion that it is not expedient to allow appeals from Justices of the Peace to the Supreme Court, as provided for in the bill under consideration, because it seems obvious to the Committee, Justices of the Peace are generally, if not universally, incapable of preserving and sending up such a perfect record of the whole trial, including all the evidence, as to put the appellate court fully in possession of the merits of the whole case.—Such an appeal the Committee regard as rather spurious and delusive than real and beneficial. The only appeal from a Justice of the Peace, which the Committee regard as practicable to the suiter, is that at present prescribed by law, which is to the Circuit Courts, where the trial is *de novo* upon proof before the Court and Jury, as in other suits. The Committee understand that the bill under consideration has been drawn under the presumption that the law at present, prescribing appeals to the Circuit Courts from Justices of the Peace, is unconstitutional and void. If this is a correct presumption, the Committee are persuaded that the Constitution ought rather to be

amended, so as to confer the necessary appellate jurisdiction upon the Circuit Courts, than to allow appeals from Justices of the Peace directly to the Supreme Court, when there seems so little chance for the real merits and evidence in the case being clearly brought before the Supreme Court. Such a right of appeal seems to the Committee little better than no right of appeal.

The Committee have been informed, correctly they suppose, that the question whether the right of appeal to the Circuit Courts of the State exists or not, is now depending in the Supreme Court, which arises upon an appeal from the decision of the Judge of the Eastern Circuit. When the Supreme Court shall have determined this question, if the opinion of the Judge of the Eastern Circuit is sustained, then it will be time enough to amend the Constitution so as to give Circuit Courts the necessary appellate jurisdiction.

Without meaning to intimate an opinion upon this question, it being purely judicial and proper for the Supreme Court, the Committee may remark, that although the Judge of the Eastern Circuit has decided that the Act of 1828, allowing appeals to the Circuit Courts from Justices of the Peace, is inconsistent with the Constitution, yet that Act has been acted upon since the existence of the State Government and the Constitution, in all the Courts of the State, and has not before, that the Committee are aware of, been called in question.

On this subject, the Committee beg to call the attention of the Senate to a report which it made on the 6th inst., when considering a memorial of a Justice of the Peace from Marion County.

In conclusion, the Committee remark, that the passage of the bill herewith annexed, will ensure the decision in the Supreme Court of the question presented, because it allows appeals to that tribunal from the Circuit Courts, where the amount in controversy is fifty dollars or less, without the passage of which, it would probably become the duty of the Supreme Court to dismiss the appeal, in consequence of the smallness of the amount in controversy.

For these reasons the Committee recommend the passage of the annexed bill in lieu of the one referred.

Respectfully submitted,

M. A. LONG,

Chairman Judiciary Committee.

Which was read and the bill and substitute were placed among the Orders of the Day.

Mr. Smith, from the Committee on Claims and Accounts, made the following report:

The Committee on Claims and Accounts, to whom was referred the memorial of M. Whit Smith, have had the same under their consideration, and

#### REPORT:

That under an Act of the last General Assembly of this State, M.

Whit Smith became the guardian of William Crawford, a lunatic of Hernando County, and conveyed him to the Asylum in Columbia, S. C.; that he became responsible for his board and maintenance in said Institution, and has paid and is bound to pay to said Institution for his support, to 25th March, 1855, five hundred dollars; likewise twelve dollars for the fee of a board of examining Physicians, and the sum of fourteen dollars and 62-100 for clothing in the Asylum. He reports as having paid the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars, for expenses of transportation, for suitable guard, and his own traveling expenses in accompanying him from Hernando County, Florida, to the city of Columbia, South Carolina, and placing him in the Asylum. These sums added together, make the sum of \$776.62.

The Act of the General Assembly conveying this man to the Asylum, declares his estate to be sold, and the proceeds applied to the payment of his debts, and the remainder to be applied towards paying his expenses. According to this provision, M. Whit Smith has sold his estate, and reports the proceeds to be \$1,266.61. The act provides that all claims against said lunatic should be rendered within two months. In this time Col. David Provence, M. Whit Smith and James T. Magbee rendered in their claims—the first for \$200, and the other two for \$500 each, for their services as Attorneys. After the expiration of the two months' limit, Col. B. M. Pearson and Col. A. M. Mitchell rendered in their claims—the first for \$500, and the last for \$200, for like services, making an aggregate of \$1,900 for legal services. The memorialist prays that they may all share in his, the said lunatic's, estate; but if we are confined to the Act making disposal for the settlement of his estate, we cannot, under that law, do anything with the claims that came in after the bar. We think also that the claims for services of that class, charging \$500, are too high, and believe, as said lunatic was not a fit subject to make contracts, that this Assembly have a right to consider of this matter, and recommend a deduction, if they think the charges too high. They therefore recommend that the sum of two hundred dollars each be allowed to James T. Magbee and David Provence, Esq., and that the sum of three hundred and fifty dollars be allowed M. Whit Smith, in consideration of his services and trouble as guardian, in addition to the allowance of seven hundred and seventy-six dollars 62-100, for expenditures, &c., as aforesaid, which will leave a balance due him, after the payments made as recommended, of \$260.01.

The account will then stand thus, for debit side of account:

For payment in the Asylum for lunatic, two years, to 25th March, 1855,.....	\$ 500 00
For clothing,.....	14 62
“ Physicians' fee,.....	12 00
“ expense, &c., conveying to Asylum,.....	250 00
“ amount to J. T. Magbee,.....	200 00
“ “ “ David Provence,.....	200 00
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Amount brought forward,..... \$1,176 62  
 For amount to M. Whit Smith,..... 350 00

..... \$1,526 62  
 Credit net amount estate,..... \$1,260 61  
 Amount from State,..... 260 01  
 ..... \$1,526 62

We therefore recommend that the Judge of Probate of Hernando County be authorized to give M. Whit Smith, guardian of William Crawford, (lunatic,) his discharge as such guardian, upon his voucher for payment of the above account, and that an Act be passed in his favor for the above balance of \$260.01; and further, that this State provide for the future maintenance of said lunatic in the Asylum, and recommend the passage of the annexed Bill.

JAMES W. SMITH,  
 Chairman.

Which was read, and the Bill placed among the orders of the day.

On motion, the rule was waived, and Mr. Cone permitted to introduce, without previous notice, a Bill to be entitled an Act respecting violations of the Sabbath day;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY.

House Bill to be entitled an Act to prevent the employment of negroes as Pilots on the waters of St. Johns River;

Was read the third time, and on motion laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Wynn, a Committee, consisting of Messrs. Wynn, Cone and Criglar, was appointed to wait upon the House and ask the return of a Bill to be entitled an Act to prevent persons encamping from leaving fire at their camps.

The Committee returned, and reported that they had performed the duty assigned them.

House bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act entitled an Act to amend the Patrol laws of this State;

Was read the third time, and upon the question of its passage the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Cone, Criglar, Duncan, Eppes, Filor, Gillis, Hawes, Hopkins, Long, Smith, Tracy and Wynn—13.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House Resolution for the relief of L. C. Demilly;

Was read the third time, and upon the question of its passage the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Cone, Criglar, Duncan, Eppes, Filor, Gillis, Hawes, Hopkins, Long, Smith, Tracy and Wynn—13.

Nays—None.

So the Resolution was adopted.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House Resolution asking that the New Orleans and Key West Mail Steamers be required to touch at St. Andrews;

Was read the third time and passed.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House Bill to be entitled an Act to amend the 4th clause of the 3d Chapter of the 4th Division of the Laws relating to Crimes and Misdemeanors;

Was read the third time, and on the question of its passage the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Duncan, Eppes, Hopkins, Smith and Tracy—5.

Nays—Messrs. Bird, Criglar, Filor, Gillis, Hawes, Long, Provence and Wynn—8.

So the Bill was lost.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House Bill to be entitled an Act to extend the time for the enjoyment of the chartered privileges of the Columbus Bridge Company;

Was read the second time, and ordered for a third reading on tomorrow.

House Bill to be entitled an Act to alter and change the laws now in force in this State in reference to the limitation of actions:

Was read the second time, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

House Bill to be entitled an Act to organize the County of Liberty;

Was read the second time.

Mr. Kilcrease moved to amend said Bill by striking out the word "Liberty," wherever it occurs, and substituting the word "Chason;"

Which motion was lost.

On motion, the Bill was laid on the table, and 75 copies ordered to be printed.

A Bill to be entitled an Act to amend the Militia Laws of this State;

Was read the third time, and upon the question of its passage the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Criglar, Filor, Hawes, Hopkins, Kilcrease, Long, Provence, Smith, Tracy and Wynn—11.

Nays—Messrs. Duncan and Gillis—2.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A Bill to be entitled an Act to repeal an Act for the relief of Geo. W. Phillips, approved January 14, 1853;

Was read the second time, the rule waived, read the third time by its title, and upon the question of its passage the vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Criglar, Filor, Gillis, Hawes, Hopkins, Kilcrease, Long, Smith, Tracy and Wynn—11.

Nays—None.

So the Bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

Engrossed Bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act relative to taking depositions under commission ;

Was read the third time, and upon the question of its passage, the vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Cone, Criglar, Duncan, Filor, Gillis, Hopkins, Long, Provence, Tracy and Wynn—11.

Nays—Messrs. Hawes, Kilcrease and Smith—3.

So the Bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House Bill to be entitled an Act providing the mode and manner of carrying up appeals from the Courts of Justices of the Peace, and for other purposes ;

Was read the second time.

Mr. Long moved to amend the bill by striking out the title and inserting the following :

An Act allowing appeals to the Supreme Court in cases where the amount is fifty dollars or less.

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert as follows :

That hereafter it shall be lawful for the Supreme Court in this State to entertain jurisdiction of appeals or writs of error, in all cases where the amount is fifty dollars or less ; and that all laws inconsistent with this Act be and the same are hereby repealed.

Which was adopted.

The Bill was read the second time as amended, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A Committee was received from the House of Representatives, who returned a bill to be entitled an Act to prevent persons encamping from leaving fire at their camps ;

Which bill was placed among the orders of the day.

A bill to be entitled an Act respecting violations of the Sabbath ;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A Bill to be entitled an Act for the relief M. Whit Smith ;

Was read the first time, the rule waived, read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

The following Bills which had passed both Houses of the General Assembly, and been enrolled and signed by the presiding officers thereof, were transmitted for approval to his Excellency the Governor, viz :

An Act to create a State Librarian ;

An Act to authorize Celestino Gonzalez to establish a Wharf in the City of Pensacola ;

An Act to authorize Gregory Yneistra and F. B. Bobe to establish a Wharf in the City of Pensacola ;

An Act for the relief of J. M. Landrum ;

An Act changing the mode of compensating the several Solicitors or Prosecuting Attorneys of this State ; and

An Act to extend the limitation of Merchants' accounts in this State.

House Bill to be entitled an Act to prevent persons from attempting to entice or steal Negroes ;

Was read the third time, and on motion of Mr. Hopkins was indefinitely postponed.

A Bill to be entitled an Act creating a fifth Judicial Circuit, with House amendments thereto ;

Came up in order.

Upon the question of concurring in said amendments, the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Long and Kilcrease.

On motion, a Committee, consisting of Messrs. Long, Provence and Hopkins, was appointed to proceed with the Secretary to the rooms of Messrs. Brinson and Snell, so as to permit them to record their votes.

The Committee returned, and reported Mr. Brinson to have been too much indisposed to vote, and Mr. Snell voting nay.

It was moved that Mr. Eppes be allowed to record his vote ;

Which was granted.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Cone, Duncan, Gillis, Hawes, Hopkins, Provence, Smith, Tracy and Wynn—9.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Criglar, Filor, Kilcrease and Long—6.

So the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

The Bill as amended was ordered to be enrolled.

House Bill to be entitled An Act to prevent persons encamping from leaving fire at their camps ;

Came up, when on motion the Senate went into Committee of the Whole upon said bill, Mr. Provence in the Chair.

After some time spent therein, the Committee rose, and through their Chairman reported the bill back with amendments, and asked to be discharged ;

Which was concurred in.

The bill as amended was read the second and third times, and upon the question of its passage the vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Cone, Criglar, Duncan, Filor, Gillis, Hawes, Hopkins, Long, Provence, Smith, Tracy and Wynn—13.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Provence moved that the vote indefinitely postponing House bill to be entitled an act to adopt an equal and uniform mode of Taxation in this State, be reconsidered.

The President decided the motion out of order.

Mr. Provence appealed from the decision of the Chair.

The decision of the Chair was sustained.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
January 11, 1855. }

*Hon. President of the Senate :*

SIR:—The following Bills and Resolutions have passed the House, viz :

A bill to be entitled an act to change the time of holding the Circuit Court in the Eastern Circuit of Florida;

A bill to be entitled an act regulating the sale of State Lands and for other purposes;

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate and establish the fees of the Secretary of State;

A bill to be entitled an act regulating Quarantine for the Port of St. Marks;

Resolution asking Congress to establish certain Mail Routes in Alachua County; and

Resolution authorizing the Comptroller to audit certain accounts therein named.

The House has concurred in Senate amendments to a bill to be entitled an act for the regulation of Pilots and Pilotage of the Bay and Harbor of Pensacola.

The House has appointed Messrs. Haynes, Johnston and Dell, a Committee to confer with a similar Committee on the part of the Senate, relative to the disagreement upon amendments to a bill to be entitled An act granting certain lands to the Palatka and Micanopy Plank Road Company.

Very respectfully,

HUGH A. CORLEY,  
*Clerk House of Representatives.*

Which was read and the bills placed among the orders of the Day.

On motion, Messrs. Hopkins, Hawes, and Cone were appointed a Committee of Conference, to act with a similar Committee on the part of the House in relation to House amendments to a bill to be entitled an act granting lands to the Palatka and Micanopy Plank Road Company:

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill to be entitled an act to change the time of holding the Courts in the Eastern Circuit of Florida;

Was read the first time, on motion, the rule was waived and the bill read the second time by its title.

Mr. Provence offered the following amendment to the title of said bill, viz :

Insert the words "and Fifth Judicial" between the words "Eastern" and "Circuit;"

Which amendments were adopted, and the bill as amended ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

House Resolution authorizing the Comptroller to audit certain accounts therein named;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

House Bill to be entitled An Act to regulate and establish the Fees of the Secretary of State;

Was read the first time, the rule waived, and read a second time. Mr. Hopkins offered the following amendment:

Strike out the words "one dollar," wherever they occur;

Which amendment was not agreed to.

On motion, the rule was waived and said Bill read a third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Cone, Criglar, Filor, Hawes, Long, Provence and Wynn—8.

Nays—Messrs. Duncan, Gillis, Hopkins, Smith and Tracy—5.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House Bill to be entitled, An Act regulating Quarantine for the Port of St. Marks;

Was read the first time, the rule waived, read the second and third times by its title, and upon the question of its passage the vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Criglar, Duncan, Filor, Gillis, Hawes, Hopkins, Long, Provence, Smith, Tracy and Wynn—12.

Nays—None.

So said Bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House Resolution asking Congress to establish certain Mail Routes in Alachua County;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

House Bill to be entitled An Act regulating the sale of State Lands, and for other purposes;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

On motion, leave was granted Messrs. Provence and Smith to record their votes upon the passage, yesterday, of a House Bill to be entitled An Act to locate the Seminary of Learning to be established West of the Suwannee River in this State.

Upon the question they voted nay.

The following Bills and Resolutions, which had passed the Senate, were transmitted to the House of Representatives, viz :

A Bill to be entitled An Act to repeal an act entitled an act for the Relief of George W. Phillips, approved January 14th, 1853 ;

A Bill to be entitled An Act relative to taking Depositions under Commission ;

A Bill to be entitled An Act to amend the Militia Laws of this State ;

House Bill to be entitled An Act regulating Quarantine at the Port of St. Marks ;

House Bill to be entitled An Act to regulate the fees of the Secretary of State ,

House Bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act entitled an Act to amend the Patrol Laws of this State ;

House Bill to be entitled an Act to prevent persons encamping from leaving fire at their camps, with amendments ;

Resolutions in relation to Mail Route from the St. Johns River to Newnansville ;

House Resolution for the relief of L. C. Demilly ; and

House Resolution asking that the New Orleans and Key West Steamers be required to touch at St. Andrews.

On motion of Mr. Filor, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

FRIDAY, January 12, 1855.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The Rev. Mr. Turner officiated as Chaplain.

A quorum being present, on motion of Mr. Hopkins, the reading of the Journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

The following Bill which had passed both Houses of the General Assembly, and been enrolled and signed by the presiding officers thereof, was transmitted for approval to his Excellency the Governor, viz :

An Act granting aid to the County of Putnam to build a Court House and Jail.

Mr. Filor, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, made the following report :

The Committee on Engrossed Bills have examined and find correctly engrossed :

A Bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of M. Whit Smith,  
Respectfully submitted,

JAMES FILOR,

Chairman,

Which was read, and the Bill placed among the orders of the day.  
Mr. Long, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made the following report :

The Judiciary Committee to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an Act concerning Limitations of Actions against the estate of deceased persons, having considered the same, and report that they perceive no valid objection to the passage of the same, nor do they think any great necessity exists for its passage. The Committee return the bill and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

M. A. LONG, Chairman.

Which was read, and the Bill placed among the Orders of the Day.

Mr. Long, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, made the following report :

The Committee on Enrolled Bills have examined and find correctly enrolled an Act to incorporate the Palatka and Micanopy Plank Road Company.

M. A. LONG,

Chairman Committee on Enrolled Bills,

Which was read,

Mr. Hopkins, from a Select Committee, made the following report :

The Joint Select Committee of Conference to whom was referred the Senate amendments of House Bill to be entitled an Act to prevent the abduction and escape of slaves from this State, having conferred, ask leave to

#### REPORT;

That they have agreed to retain all the Senate amendments, and concur therein, except the following :

Strike out the word "Senate," and insert "General Assembly."

EDWARD HOPKINS,

Chairman Senate Joint Select Committee.

M. HAYNES,

Chairman House Joint Select Committee.

Which was read.

Also the following :

The Joint Select Committee of Conference, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an Act granting Swamp and Overflowed Lands to the Palatka and Micanopy Plank Road Company, have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to